



Ben Bernanke

BUSINESS LEADER

Chair, The Federal Reserve System (2006-2014)

About:

- **Gender:** Male
- **Nationality:** United States
- **Languages:** English
- **Travels from:** United States

Engagement Types:

- Panel Participation
- Speaking

Topics:

- Crisis & Change Management
- Emerging Markets
- Financial Markets
- Geopolitical Impact
- Global Economics & Markets
- Leadership & Management
- Mindfulness & Resilience
- Motivation and Inspiration

Biography Highlights

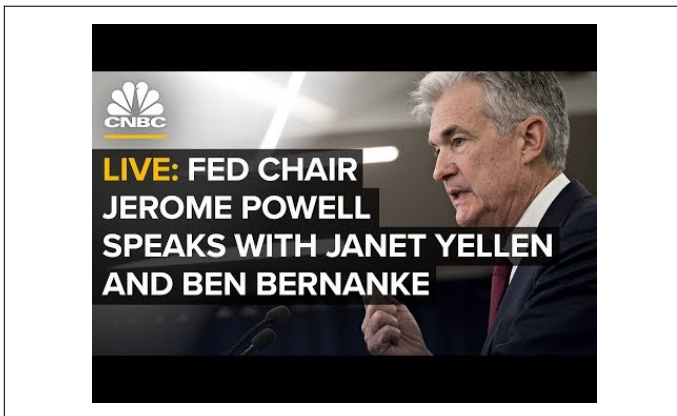
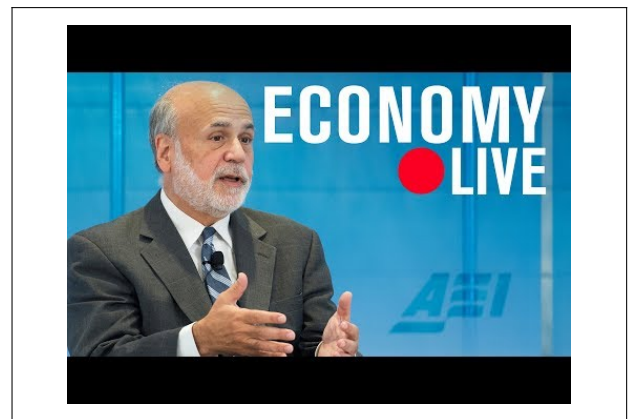
- The leader of the Federal Reserve during a momentous time of economic and financial crisis, Ben Bernanke offers keen insight and analysis of the current global economic landscape and challenges facing the world today.

Biography

As chairman of the Federal Reserve System under two Presidents—George W. Bush and Barack Obama—Ben Bernanke was front and center during a tumultuous period of economic history. As chairman, he faced some of the most critical economic and financial challenges since the Great Depression, helping to lead the government’s response to the 2008-2009 financial crisis and the subsequent recession. In his New York Times best-selling book, *The Courage to Act: A Memoir of a Crisis and its Aftermath*, (October, 2015) Dr. Bernanke pulls back the curtain on his efforts to prevent a mass economic failure, working with two U.S. presidents and using every Fed capability, no matter how arcane, to keep the U.S. economy afloat. His experiences during the initial crisis and the Great Recession that followed provides an unequaled perspective on the American economy since 2006, and his narrative will reveal for the first time how the creativity and decisiveness of a few key leaders prevented an economic collapse of unimaginable scale. Prior to his appointment as Federal Reserve Chairman, Dr. Bernanke’s distinguished career includes

serving as Chairman of President Bush’s Council of Economic Advisers and as a key member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. He was also a tenured professor of economics and public affairs at Princeton University where he became involved in the Federal Reserve System as a scholar and advisor. Dr. Bernanke is uniquely positioned to provide a senior policymaker’s perspective on the current U.S. and global economic landscape. He is the author of a wide variety of articles on economic issues and is currently a Distinguished Fellow in Residence at the Brookings Institution.

Videos



Ben's Topics

Conversation with Dr. Ben Bernanke

Drawing on his extraordinary career as chairman of the Federal Reserve, Dr. Ben Bernanke examines the current U.S. and global economic landscape and the key challenges facing the world today. His presentations

are customized for each audience with conversational questions and answers from an interviewer.

Available: In person, Virtually

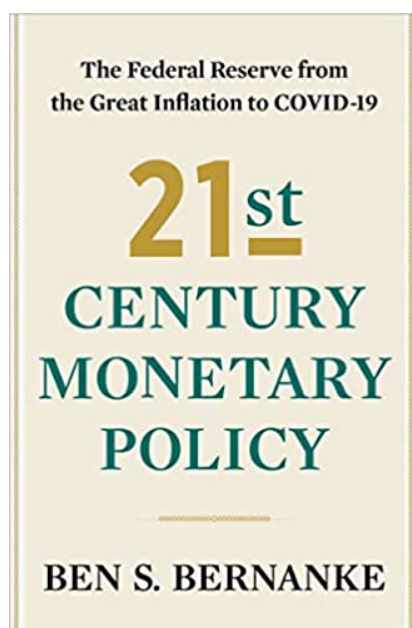
Testimonials

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It was great! Dr. Bernanke was better than expected and I had high expectations. Our guests really enjoyed the evening and Dr. Bernanke's team was a real pleasure to work with.

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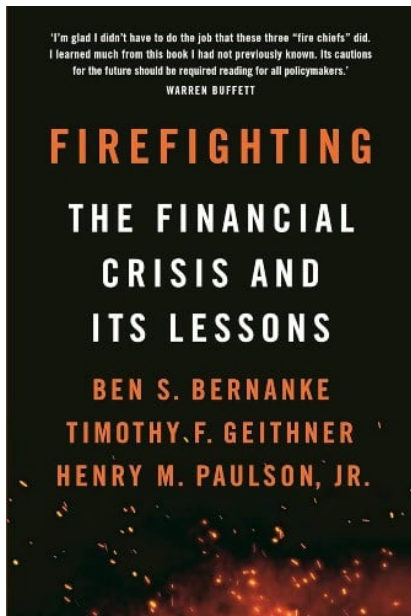
Books



21st Century Monetary Policy: The Federal Reserve from the Great Inflation to COVID-19

21st Century Monetary Policy takes readers inside the Federal Reserve, explaining what it does and why. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Federal Reserve deployed an extraordinary range of policy tools that helped prevent the collapse of the financial system and the U.S. economy. Chair Jerome Powell and his colleagues lent directly to U.S. businesses, purchased trillions of dollars of government securities, pumped dollars into the international financial system, and crafted a new framework for monetary policy that emphasized job creation. These strategies would have astonished Powell's late-20th-century predecessors, from William McChesney Martin to Alan Greenspan, and the advent of these tools raises new questions about the future landscape of economic policy. In 21st Century Monetary Policy, Ben S. Bernanke—former chair of the Federal Reserve and one of the world's leading economists—explains the Fed's evolution and speculates on its future. Taking a fresh look at the bank's policymaking over the past seventy years, including his own time as chair, Bernanke shows how changes in the economy have driven the Fed's innovations. He also lays out new challenges confronting the Fed, including the return of inflation, cryptocurrencies, increased risks of financial instability, and threats to its independence. Beyond explaining the central bank's new policymaking tools, Bernanke also captures the drama of moments when so much hung on the Fed's decisions, as well as the personalities and philosophies of those who led the institution.

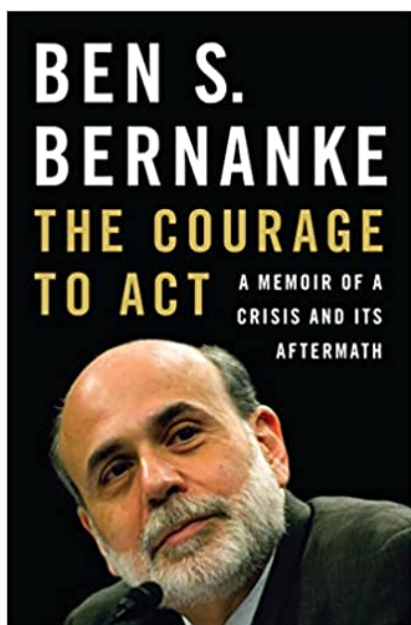
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Firefighting: The Financial Crisis and its Lessons

2008 saw one of the worst financial crises in generations, the global implications of which are still being felt today. Ten years later Ben Bernanke, Timothy Geithner and Hank Paulson reflect on the causes of the crisis, why it was so damaging, and what it ultimately took to prevent a second Great Depression. All three had crucial roles in the government's response- Ben S. Bernanke as chairman of the Federal Reserve; Henry M. Paulson, Jr., as secretary of the Treasury under President George W. Bush; Timothy F. Geithner as president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York during the Bush years and then Treasury secretary under President Barack Obama. A powerful, warts and all account told with unprecedented clarity; from the flawed human response to the necessity to learn from the past and help firefighters of the future protect economies from the ravages of financial crises. Firefighting is a vital account of a defining moment in modern history and an inspiring lesson on leadership through crisis.

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The Courage to Act: A Memoir of a Crisis and Its Aftermath

In 2006, Ben S. Bernanke was appointed chair of the Federal Reserve, the unexpected apex of a personal journey from small-town South Carolina to prestigious academic appointments and finally public service in Washington's halls of power. There would be no time to celebrate. The bursting of a housing bubble in 2007 exposed the hidden vulnerabilities of the global financial system, bringing it to the brink of meltdown. From the implosion of the investment bank Bear Stearns to the unprecedented bailout of insurance giant AIG, efforts to arrest the financial contagion consumed Bernanke and his team at the Fed. Around the clock, they fought the crisis with every tool at their disposal to keep the United States and world economies afloat. Working with two U.S. presidents, and under fire from a fractious Congress and a public incensed by behavior on Wall Street, the Fed—alongside colleagues in the Treasury Department—successfully stabilized a teetering financial system. With creativity and decisiveness, they prevented an economic collapse of unimaginable scale and went on to craft the unorthodox programs that would help revive the U.S. economy and become the model for other countries. Rich with detail of the decision-making process in Washington and indelible portraits of the major players, The Courage to Act recounts and explains the worst financial crisis and economic slump in America since the Great Depression, providing an insider's account of the policy response.

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